

day of February in each year each insurance corporation, underwriter or agent doing any fire insurance business in such city shall furnish to said board a statement, verified by affidavit, of the aggregate amount of premiums received for insuring property in such city during the year ending on the next preceding first day of January. Upon the statement so furnished said board shall assess the amount fixed as aforesaid for the expenses of said fire patrol for the current year upon the several corporations, underwriters or agents, in proportion to the amount of the premiums returned as received by each, and such assessments may be recovered by action in the name of such board. If any such statements shall not be made as above required, said board shall cause a demand in writing to be served on the corporation, underwriter or agent so failing to make such sworn statement. Such demand shall be served by leaving the same during business hours at its or his office with the person in charge thereof, and every such corporation, underwriter or agent who shall wilfully make false statement or who shall, for fifteen days after such demand, neglect to render such statement shall forfeit fifty dollars and an additional fifty dollars for each day's neglect after the expiration of said fifteen days, one-half to the use of said board, when it shall prosecute therefor.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 145.

AN ACT amending section 4080 statutes of 1898, relating to administering oaths.

The people of the state of Wisconsin represented in senate and assembly do enact as follows:

Oaths, before whom may be taken. SECTION 1. Section 4080 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by inserting after the words, "town clerk," in the sixth line of said section

the words, "village clerk," so that said section when amended shall read as follows: Section 4080. An oath or affidavit required or authorized by law, except oaths to jurors and witnesses on a trial and such other oaths as are required by law to be taken before particular officers, may be taken before any judge, court commissioner, including resident commissioners of the United States courts who have complied with section 2216, clerk of a court of record, notary public, town clerk, village clerk, clerk of a city organized under the general law, justice of the peace, police justice or county clerk, within the territory in which such officer is authorized to act; and when certified by such officer to have been taken before him may be read and used in any court of record, or not of record, and before any officer, judicial, executive or administrative. Oaths may be administered by any member of a committee mentioned in subdivision 3 of section 4053 to any witness examined before such committee.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 146.

AN ACT to amend section 2421 of the statutes of 1898, entitled "writs, how issued: certiorari.

The people of the state of Wisconsin represented in senate and assembly do enact as follows:

Writs, what to bear; when returnable; writs of certiorari to review action of council, etc., service. SECTION 1. Section 2421 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by adding after the word "board" in the ninth line of said section 2421, the following: "town board, common council of any city, or board of trustees of any village;" and by adding after the word "clerk" in the eleventh line of said section the following: "town clerk, city clerk or village clerk, respectively," so that said section when so amended shall read as follows: Section